

MEETING OF THE NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 14, 2023 ♦ 6:30PM-10:30PM

Hybrid Meeting: JFK Middle School, 100 Bridge Rd, Florence, MA 01062
& Online Zoom Meeting
AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY DURING THE ZOOM MEETING FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2023 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. WRITTEN TESTIMONY IS ALSO ENCOURAGED FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY/COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLERK AT:
anniethompson@northampton-k12.us UNTIL 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THAT MEETING.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING WEBSITE:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82137255882>

MEETING ID: **821 3725 5882**

MEETING PASSCODE: **320201**

OR DIAL IN WITH TELEPHONE: **+1 646 876 9923**

THEN YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO ENTER A PARTICIPANT NUMBER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PARTICIPANT NUMBER, ENTER # PLEASE WAIT TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR THE CHAIR WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ORDER OF THEIR CALL

I. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment Period

IV. Announcements

V. Recommended Actions – (VOTE by Consent Agenda)

A. Meeting minutes for approval:

- [August 10, 2023 School Committee Meeting](#)
- [January 10, 2023 SCM Superintendent Search](#)
- [February 25, 2021 Budget Meeting](#)
- [March 6, 2023 Budget Meeting](#)
- [March 25, 2021 School Committee Meeting](#)
- [April 7, 2020 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [April 8, 2021 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [April 11, 2019 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [April 13, 2023 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [April 25, 2019 School Committee Meeting](#)
- [May 11, 2023 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [May 12, 2022 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [September 22, 2022 School Committee](#)

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- [October 13, 2022 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [December 9, 2021 Student Advisory Council](#)
- [December 12, 2019 Student Advisory Council](#)

Minutes reviewed by the School Committee:

- [November 27, 20018 SC MCAS Meeting](#)
- [February 28, 2019 Special School Committee Budget Meeting](#)
- March 28, 2019 School Committee Budget meeting
- [May 11, 2023, School Committee Meeting](#)
- May 23, 2019 Special School Committee Meeting
- [August 13, 2019 School Committee Meeting](#)
- [September 26, 2019 Special School Committee Meeting](#)
- [October 24, 2019 Special School Committee Meeting](#)
- June 30, 2020 Special School Committee Meeting
- [October 20, 2020 Special School Committee Meeting](#)
- [October 14, 2021 School Committee Meeting](#)

B. Donations:

- Request to Fundraise: Imagined Words Mural, JFK. Goal: \$15,000.00

VI. New Business - Action Items

- A. Recommendation to ratify the [School Psychologist Extension MOA](#)
- B. Recommendation to ratify the [Unit G Salary Schedule Change MOA](#)
- C. Recommendation to ratify the [Mentor Coordinator change from hourly to stipend of \\$3500.00 MOA](#)
- D. Recommendation to ratify [Unit A Nurses ability to take on duties of the school health director MOA](#)
- E. Recommendation to ratify Unit A Flex Block Coordinator for NHS MOA
- F. Recommendation to restore the Director of Digital Literacy to Full Time
- G. VOTE: to appoint [official delegate](#) to vote for by-laws at the MASC Conference on November 8, 2023

VII. Reports and Recommendations

(Subcommittees, administrators, special groups, liaisons, etc.)

A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Portia Bonner

- [Superintendent Entry Plan](#)

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- NSIP Mentor Michael Sullivan
- Update on bullying prevention plan
- [Update on using technology for backlogged minutes](#)
- B. Business Administrator Financial Report Bobbie Jones
 - [End of Year 2023 Report](#)
 - [Monthly Expenditure Report](#)
 - [Warrants](#)
 - [Personnel Report](#)
 - [Business Administrator Report](#)
 - [Food Service Presentation / Mistelle Hannah](#)
- C. Rules & Policy Subcommittee Holly Ghazey
 - Policy BEDB Agenda Format
 - Sexual Health Policy
 - Policy JRA Student Records
- D. Budget & Property Subcommittee Kaia Goleman
 - Organic Grounds Maintenance
- E. Curriculum Subcommittee Meg Robbins
 - Review of the CICL Mission
 - K-5 Literacy
- F. Central Office Liaison Margaret Miller

VIII. School Committee discussion topics

IX. Future Business and Meeting Dates

- Budget & Property Subcommittee, 4:30PM, Monday, September 11, 2023
- School Committee Retreat, 6:30PM, CES Boardroom, September 18, 2023 – beginning discussion of strategic planning.
- Rules & Policy Subcommittee, 4:00PM Wednesday, September 20, 2023
- Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee, 6:30PM, Monday, October 2, 2023,
- Curriculum Subcommittee, 5:00PM, Wednesday, October 4, 2023
- School Committee with Student Advisory Council, 6:00PM, Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Budget & Property Subcommittee, 4:30PM, Monday, October 16, 2023
- Rules & Policy Subcommittee 4:30PM, Wednesday, October 18, 2023

- X. Executive Session:** Request to Enter Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Open Meeting Chapter 30A Sec.21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

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- VOTE: to approve August 10, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- Recommendation: to ratify agreement with Celeste Malvezzi
- Recommendation to ratify Unit F Custodian Snow Removal MOA
- Grievance: Administration vs. NASE Unit C Safe Work Environment
- Contracted Employee Pre-Litigation update Attorney Taylor

XI. Adjourn

NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS IN ACTION:

How we communicate	How we work together
Utilize brevity to use our meeting time well. Watch airtime- speak and listen. If you agree, say so and move on.	Come prepared- review all folder items, past discussions/actions on agenda topics prior to each meeting.
Clarification: If you wonder, ask.	Focus on students at the center: "How does what we are discussing impact <i>all</i> students?"
Come with an open mind. Be open to change based on new ideas or perspectives.	Agendas are reflective of our goals and are reasonable in scope and time. They include a clear and specific action with accompanying materials.
Respectfully challenge the idea, not the person. Patience.	Each of us is responsible for ensuring we clearly understand what we are voting on and indicate when we feel ready to do so.
Actively and respectfully listen to, consider and build on shared ideas and perspectives.	Follow through on committee commitments

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